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## IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

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## PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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(PCT Rule 44bis)

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| International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated)<br>See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237 |   |   |                  |
| Applicant<br>ROTTEFELLA AS   |   |   |                  |

1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 *bis*.1(a).

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In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. IV              | Lack of unity of invention  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V    | Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
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2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Box No. I

Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.  
☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language \_\_\_\_\_, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
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4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

|                               |        |                   |     |
|-------------------------------|--------|-------------------|-----|
| Novelty (N)                   | Claims | 6, 7, 10-12       | YES |
|                               | Claims | 1-5, 8, 9, 13, 14 | NO  |
| Inventive step (IS)           | Claims | 6, 7, 10-12       | YES |
|                               | Claims | 1-5, 8, 9, 13, 14 | NO  |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims | 1-14              | YES |
|                               | Claims |                   | NO  |

2. Citations and explanations:

1 Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US-A-5 143 395 (MAYR ET AL) 1 September 1992  
(1992-09-01)

D2: WO 2004/045728 A (MADSHUS A/S; BJERTNAES,  
GUNNAR) 3 June 2004 (2004-06-03)

D3: WO 02/49728 A (ELAN, D.D; SARABON, MATJAZ;  
AVGUSTIN, VINKO; RAVNIK, JANEZ) 27 June 2002  
(2002-06-27)

D4: DE 38 38 569 A1 (SALOMON S.A., PRINGY, FR)  
1 June 1989 (1989-06-01)

D5: FR-A-2 569 119 (SALOMON ET FILS ETS FRANCOIS;  
SALOMON SA) 21 February 1986 (1986-02-21)

D6: EP-A-1 240 925 (ALLMANN, ANDREAS)  
18 September 2002 (2002-09-18)

2 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1

2.1 The present application does not satisfy the requirements of PCT Article 33(1) because the subject matter of claim 1 is not novel under PCT Article 33(2). Document D1 discloses (the

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references between parentheses apply to this document):

A ski (1) or similar snow sliding device, having a mounting plate (3) mounted on the top surface (2) of the ski, the mounting plate (3) being of film type and being adhesively bondable to the top surface (2) of the ski or weldable thereto in such a way that it defines a structural unit therewith.

See comments in Box VIII, 1-5

Furthermore, claim 1 likewise fails to satisfy the requirement of novelty in the light of D2-D6 (see search report), with the mounting plate designs corresponding to claim 1 in various possible variants.

3 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2-5, 8, 9, 13, 14

Claims 2-5, 8, 9, 13, 14 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer back, satisfy the PCT requirements for novelty and inventive step.

3.1 D1 discloses the features of claims 2-4, 8 and 14 (see search report). Consequently, D1 does not differ from the features of claims 2-4, 8 and 14, so meaning that these claims are not novel under PCT Article 33(2).

3.2 D2 discloses the features of claims 3, 4, 8, 9

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and 13 (see search report). Consequently, D2 does not differ from the features of claims 3, 4, 8, 9 and 13, so meaning that these claims are not novel under PCT Article 33(2).

3.3 D3 discloses the features of claims 3, 4, 8 and 14 (see search report). Consequently, D3 does not differ from the features of claims 3, 4, 8 and 14, so meaning that these claims are not novel under PCT Article 33(2).

3.4 D4 discloses the features of claims 2, 3, 5 and 8 (see search report). Consequently, D4 does not differ from the features of claims 2, 3, 5 and 8, so meaning that these claims are not novel under PCT Article 33(2).

3.5 D5 discloses the features of claims 5 and 13 (see search report). Consequently, D5 does not differ from the features of claims 5 and 13, so meaning that these claims are not novel under PCT Article 33(2).

3.6 D6 discloses the features of claim 13 (see search report). Consequently, D6 does not differ from the features of claim 13, so meaning that this claim is not novel under PCT Article 33(2).

4 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 6, 7, 10-12

The combination of features contained in the dependent claims is neither known from nor suggested by the available prior art. The reasons

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are as follows:

- The prior art does not disclose mounting plates which have a markedly lower modulus of elasticity "E" than that of body of the ski, in particular with values of 500 to 2000 MPa.
- The prior art does not disclose mounting plates which have an external web as the boundary of a groove, said web projecting slightly beyond the level of the bottom of the central base part.
- The prior art does not disclose mounting plates which comprise a groove with a depth of 0.15 to 0.25 mm.
- The prior art does not disclose mounting plates which comprise a projection on the longitudinal sides as a movement limit stop for a binding slid onto the mounting plate.



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Box No. VIII      Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

**Box VIII**

1.      The phrase "in particular" used in claims 1 (line 1), 2 (line 3), 5 (line 3), 6 (line 4), 10 (line 4) and 12 (line 3) and the term "for" used in claim 1 (line 2) are not limiting and therefore the features introduced thereby should not be taken into consideration or only conditionally. The consequence of this is that the definition of the subject matter of these claims must be interpreted by the Examining Division as stated in Box V 2.1. PCT Article 6.
2.      The relative term "virtually" used in claim 1 (line 7) and the relative term "approximately" used in claims 2 (line 3), 10 (line 4) and 11 (line 4) are not clear and are not limiting, and therefore these terms have not been taken into consideration. The consequence of this is that the definition of the subject matter of these claims must be interpreted by the Examining Division as stated in Box V 2.1. PCT Article 6.
3.      The term "structural unit" used in claim 1 (line 7) is very general. Any assembly of at least 2 objects which are held together forms such a structural unit. This may possibly lead to a different interpretation by the Examining Division from that intended by the applicant.  
PCT Article 6.

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4.      The technical terms "film" and "injection moulding" in claim 1 both relate to the mounting plate. It is not technically conventional, or possible, to produce a film by an injection moulding process. PCT Article 6.
  
5.      Equally, a "film", as in claim 1, is not compatible with a thickness of 1.5 to 3.5 mm, as in claim 2. A definition of the thickness of a film is not possible, but nevertheless it would generally be understood technically that this thickness is not suitable for a film. Since, in the further claims, the film is subjected to structural measures such as notches, groove, web, etc., the Examining Division regards the feature "film" to be inappropriate, and thus as non-limiting, and has based its examination on "plates" as a technical definition. PCT Article 6.
  
6.      In claim 8 the term "incorporated" is used. This is unclear. Is it intended to mean the continuation of form lines over different materials, or the direct proximity of materials, or the replacement of material layers by other materials? PCT Article 6.